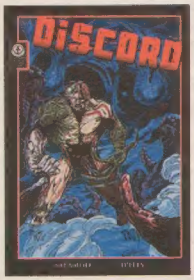
COMIC SHOP NEWS
SUMMER PREVIEW

VENGEANCE

AAM Markosia

After crash-landing on a distant planet, which leaves everyone onboard dead, a member of an elite superhero team is reassembled and resurrected by the indigenous aliens utilizing the usable body parts of his teammates and enemy in ***Discord,*** a graphic novel by *Paul Salamoff & Giuseppe D'Elia.* (Aug)



The public is obsessed with reality and the creatures from fantasy fiction fear extinction. Dragons, giants, orcs, goblins, and trolls — one by one they're breaking through from The Realm to The Real in ***The Interactives,*** a graphic novel by *Peter Rogers & Luciano Vecchio.* (Aug)

Abstract

A young woman wakes up a sunrise on a shallow grave in the woods and discovers the freshly murdered body in the dirt is her own in ***Rachel Rising #1,*** a powerful tale of posthumous revenge by *Terry Moore.* (Jul-Aug)

Adhouse

Jesse Moynihan follows the trials and tribulations of primeval gods and demi-gods as they vie for control of primitive Earth's resources in ***Forming Volume 1.*** (Jul)

Amaze Ink

Mike Rosen offers a lighthearted graphic novel adaptation of the 15th century manual for capturing and prosecuting witches in ***Malleus Maleficarum.*** (Jul)

A girl who is an embarrassment to her wealthy parents finds happiness with a boy from the "wrong side of town" in ***Stray Cats,*** a graphic novel by *Lillian Mousli.* (Aug)

Antarctic

Fred Perry & David Hutchison combine middle school and the undead in the offbeat spoof ***Diary of A Zombie Kid.*** (Jun)

Survivors of a crash-landed starship crew battle the undead hordes of an entire world in ***Escape from the Planet of the Dead,*** a oneshot by *Joe Wight & David Hutchison.* (Jul)

What happens when zombies move into the neighborhood? *Richard Moore* answers that question in ***Gobs,*** a four-part miniseries. (Jun-Aug)

Grimm adventures cross paths with steampunk storytelling in ***Steampunk Fairy Tales,*** an offbeat oneshot mashup. (Aug)

Ape Entertainment

The adventures of Strawberry Shortcake and her berry best friends come to comics in ***Strawberry Shortcake: Berry Fun.*** (Jul-Aug)

Arcana

In the year 2062, a police detective on the trail of a serial killer becomes the hunted when all the evidence points to the detective himself in ***Awakenings,*** a graphic novel by *Eric Hobbs, Gabe Pena, & Mauricio Pinzon.* (Aug)

An undercover agent infiltrating a mysterious criminal organization is nearly killed but a special forces tech team rebuilds him in ***Killing Machine.*** (Jul)

Pandora, the daughter of Curtis and Nimue, embarks on a quest to discover the truths behind her mother's death, and the strange cards that can change destinies, in ***The Secret History: Games of Chance.*** (Jun-Aug)

In the Greece of 2048, it's up to the New Athens Special Police to keep the city from succumbing to corruption and crime—but the murder of the head of a tech corporation may prove the Special Police's undoing in ***Old City Blues*** by *Giannis Milonogiannis.* (Jun)

Two best friends find their relationship turned upside down when the former wingman finds himself now irresistible to women, while his studly friend loses his allure to the opposite sex, in ***The Wingman*** by *Sean Patrick O'Reilly, Jay Shore, & Asta Gunn.* (Aug)

Archaia

Miranda Mercury, the greatest adventurer in this or any other galaxy, is dying, and there's no possible cure. With only one year left to live, Miranda is forced to wage the greatest fight of her life in ***The Many Adventures of Miranda Mercury*** by *Lee Ferguson.* (Aug)

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Archie

The Archies and Josie & the Pussycats play on the season finales of competing reality shows in ***Archie #623.*** (Jul)

Meet the Riverdale gang in their pre-K years in ***Archie Babies,*** an original graphic novel by *Mike Kunkel & Art Mawhinney.* (Jun)

Riverdale's first gay student gets his own miniseries with the debut of ***Veronica Presents Kevin Keller*** by *Dan Parent.* (Jun-Aug)

Aspen

In a future torn apart by the deadly catastrophe of biological contamination, pollution and corporate greed, one man will discover an even more tragic fate in ***Broken Pieces #0*** by *Mark Roslan & Micah Kaneshiro.* (Aug)

The Executive Assistants are back in action—all four of them—in ***Executive Assistant Iris v2, Executive Assistant Orchid, Executive Assistant Lotus,*** and ***Executive Assistant Violet,*** all parts of the intra-series summer event "The Hit List Agenda." (Jul-Aug)

A police detective joins a secret unit of the NYPD charged with protecting the city from monsters and myths in ***Haunted City #1*** by *Peter Johnson & Michael Ryan.* (Aug)

Asylum

In a world filled with mech wielding gangsters, demonic Mafioso, and demons that run wild on earth, a mysterious hit man named Trypp only relies on three things: ***Trenchcoats, Cigarettes, & Shotguns*** (which is the source of the graphic novel's name, of course!). (Jun)

Big Dog Ink

The Eternity Hotel is no more. Danica, Lucifer, and Jesus are all missing and presumed dead, and someone has purchased the ownership rights to the Eternity and its holdings. Find out what she plans to do with the her acquisition in ***Penny For Your Soul: False Prophet #1*** by *Tom Hutchison & J.B. Neto.* (Aug)

Bluewater

Bluewater's biography lines continue with ***Political Power: John Stewart; Comics: Lucille Ball*** and ***George Carlin; Fame: Conan O'Brien, Tiger Woods,*** and ***50 Cent; Steve Jobs: Co-Founder of Apple; The Royals: Prince Harry; Infamous: Charlie Sheen; Orbit: Keith Richards;*** and ***Female Force: Madonna, Laura Ingraham,*** and ***Martha Stewart.*** (Jun-Aug)

The star of the ***Batman*** TV series becomes a hero in his own right in ***The Misadventures of Adam West,*** a whimsical adventure series that finds the star embarking on his own exploits. (Jul-Aug)

Bongo

The offbeat genius *Sergio Aragones* brings his mad style to Bongo with ***Sergio Aragonés' Funnies,*** a series that blends gags, autobiographical tales, short stories, and more. (Jul-Aug)

Boom

Michael Moorcock's famous brooding prince comes to comics in ***Elric: The Balance Lost,*** an original series by *Chris Roberson & Francesco Biagini* that also features such other Moorcock creations as Hawkmoon and Corum. (Jul-Aug)

Roger Langridge offers his whimsical, charming take on Lewis Carroll's milieu in ***Roger Langridge's Snarked #0,*** the kickoff of a new all-ages series. (Aug)

Boundless

A woman whose wealth funded an experiment that opened thousands of portals to a dimension of pure terror devotes herself to fighting the horrors she unleashed in ***War Goddess,*** a relaunch by *Mike Wolfer & Pow Rodrix.*

Campfire

Campfire's line of classics graphic novel adaptations continues with ***Don Quixote Volume 2, Sita: Daughter of Earth, Oliver Twist,*** and ***In Defense of the Realm.*** (Jun-Aug)

Candlewick

A hybrid werewolf has to put his lupine urges aside in order to prove that his best friend isn't a murderer in ***Tantalize: Kieren's Story.*** (Aug)

Com.X

Andi Ewington, Eddie Deighton, & Cosmo White present the first 45 spinoff in the oneshot ***Bluespear,*** the tale of Tokyo's defender. (Jul)

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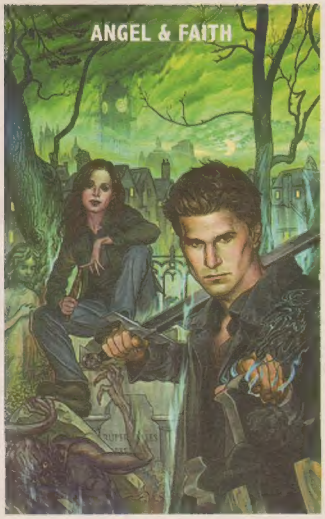


Dark Horse

Angel returns in a starring role at Dark Horse with the release of ***Angel & Faith #1*** by *Christos Gage & Rebekah Isaacs*. Left in a near-catatonic state following the events in Buffy Season 8, Angel will need a seriously rude awakening if he's to make amends for his ill-conceived deeds. Enter the rebel Slayer with a cause—Faith Lehane. (Aug)

Monsters are overrunning Europe in *Mike Mignola, Christopher Golden, & Ben Stenbeck's* ***Baltimore: The Curse Bells #1,*** and Baltimore, the only one who can put an end to these horrors, must find and kill Haigus, the vampire responsible for this chaos. (Aug)

Ron Marz & Bart Sears make a trip back to the Hyborian Age for ***Conan: Island of No Return,*** a two-part limited series. (Jun-Aug)

In ***Conan the Barbarian: The Mask of Acheron,*** *Stuart Moore & Gabriel Guzman* present a standalone based on the upcoming ***Conan*** film. (Jul)

Cal McDonald, the drug-fueled paranormal private dick, goes head to head with Lonely Street's zombie-pulverizing Goon in ***Criminal Macabre/The Goon: When Freaks Collide,*** a oneshot by *Steve Niles, Eric Powell, & Christopher Mitten.* (Jul)

At long last, *Jim Steranko's* noir masterwork is nearly ready to return to print—and you can see the proof for yourself in ***Dark Horse Presents #3,*** which features a 13-page preview of the new edition of Steranko's ***Red Tide,*** along with an interview with Steranko. (Aug)

Andrew Chambliss, Maurissa Tancharoen, Jed Whedon, Cliff Richard, & Andy Owens take readers back into the world of *Joss Whedon's* short-lived ***Dollhouse*** in the five-part ***Dollhouse: Epitaphs***. the series, written by the show's scribes, continues the tale of survivors taking up arms against Rossum Corporation and its mind-altering technology. (Jul)

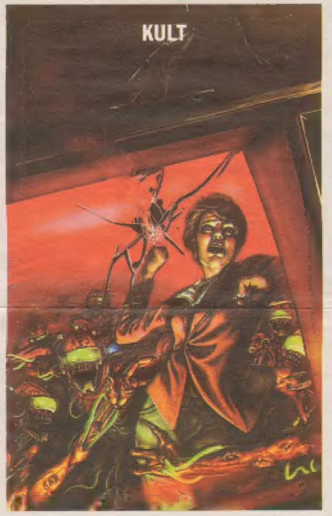
Adam Warren & Emily Warren present the latest comic-book-sized ***Empowered*** tale in ***Empowered Special #2: Ten Questions for the Maidman.*** (Jun)

The TNT/Dreamworks television series ***Falling Skies*** gets an official prequel in July, courtesy of *Paul Tobin & Juan Ferreyra.* When one of Professor Tom Mason's sons is kidnapped, Tom joins forces with a militia group in a desperate effort to rescue his son. (Jul)

Goon creator *Eric Powell* teams with acclaimed writer *Evan Dorkin* for ***The Goon #35.*** (Aug)

The Guild creator and star *Felicia Day* is joined by series director *Sean Becker* for ***The Guild: Bladezz,*** a new one-shot starring the Knights of Good's brash young rogue. (Jun)

War ensues between the forces of good and evil as Hellboy finally confronts the Queen of Blood one on one in the three-part ***Hellboy: The Fury*** by *Mike Mignola & Duncan Fegredo,* setting the stage for a new chapter in Hellboy's life! (Jun-Aug)



Kult #1 kicks off a four-part series based on the game that combines gnostic and kabbalistic lore with a contemporary-horror approach. (Jul)

Arvid Nelson, Andrea Mutti, & Pierluigi Baldassini present a comic book prequel to the upcoming videogame ***Rage,*** from the developers of ***Doom*** and ***Quake.*** (Jun)

Darth Vader confronts a deadly assassin in ***Star Wars: Dark Times—Out of the Wilderness,*** a five-part series by *Mick Harrison & Douglas Wheatley* that takes readers back to a time when the Empire was new and the Jedi were its targets. (Jul)

Jedi Finn Galfridian, under the guidance of the mysterious Master Dray, infiltrates Coruscant and discovers revelations about the leaders of the New Republic in ***Star Wars: Invasion—Revelations #1*** by *Tom Taylor & Colin Wilson.* (Jul)

In answer to a distress call, Kerra returns to her Sith-controlled homeworld for a daring rescue in ***Star Wars: Knight Errant—Deluge #1...*** but her arrival on the planet coincides with an ambush from a Hutt mastermind! Kerra has to troubleshoot fast—and, as always, alone. (Aug)

With the release of ***Star Wars: The Old Republic—The Lost Suns #1,*** LucasArts and BioWare's ***Star Wars: The Old Republic*** online game gets a fresh, new story set concurrent with the game, written by senior writer *Alexander Freed.* (Jun)

DC

The war between the Amazons and the Atlantians has arrived. The battle between Diana of Themyscira and Emperor Aquaman will tear this world apart – unless The Flash can fix it in *Geoff Johns & Andy Kubert's* ***Flashpoint #s 4 & 5.*** (Jun-Aug)

The event also brings a heaping helping of ***Flashpoint*** tie-ins exploring this altered version of the DC Universe, including:

- ***Flashpoint: Batman—Knight of Vengeance*** (*Brian Azzarello & Eduardo Risso*).
- ***Flashpoint: Secret Seven*** (*Peter Milligan, George Pérez, Fernando Blanco, & Scott Koblish*).
- ***Flashpoint: Abin Sur—The Green Lantern*** (*Adam Schlagman & Felpie Massafera*).
- ***Flashpoint: World of Flashpoint*** (*Rex Ogle & Eduardo Francisco*).
- ***Flashpoint: Emperor Aquaman*** (*Tony Bedard & Ardian Syaf*).
- ***Flashpoint: Deathstroke & the Curse of the Ravager*** (*Jimmy Palmiotti & Joe Bennett*).
- ***Flashpoint: Frankenstein & the Creatures of the Unknown*** (*Jeff Lemire & Ibraim Roberson*).
- ***Flashpoint: Citizen Cold*** (*Scott Kolins*).
- ***Flashpoint: Wonder Woman & the Furies*** (*Dan Abnett & Andy Lanning*).
- ***Flashpoint: Deadman & the Flying Graysons*** (*J.T.Krul & Alejandro Giraldo*).
- ***Flashpoint: Legion of Doom*** (*Adam Glass & Rodney Buchemi*).
- ***Flashpoint: Lois Lane & The Resistance*** (*Dan Abnett, Andy Lanning, & Eddie Nunez*).
- ***Flashpoint: The Outsider*** (*James Robinson & Javi Fernandez*).
- ***Flashpoint: Kid Flash Lost*** (*Sterling Gates & Oliver Nome*).

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•***Flashpoint: Project Superman*** *(Scott Snyder & Lowell Francis).*
•***Flashpoint: Hal Jordan*** *#3 (Adam Schlagman & Ben Oliver).*

In addition, DC has added a quartet of ***Flashpoint*** related oneshots slated for June release:

•***Flashpoint: The Canterbury Cricket*** *(Mike Carlin & Rags Morales).*
•***Flashpoint: Green Arrow Industries.*** *Pomsak Pichetshote & Mark Castiello.*
•***Flashpoint: Grodd of War.*** *Sean Ryan & Ig Guara.*
•***Flashpoint: Reverse Flash.*** *Scott Kolins & Joel Gomez.*

Dan Jurgens & Norm Rapmund's ***Booster Gold*** is the only DCU series to tie in to the ***Flashpoint*** event, making it must-read for those who want to know the whole story of what has happened to the DCU

The Doomsdays monster known as Doomslayer confronts a weakened Superman in *Paul Cornell & Kenneth Rocafort's* ***Action Comics #904,*** the epic finale of "Reign of the Doomsdays."(Aug)

Batman 80-Page Giant 2011 #1 offers four-score pages' worth of original Batman family tales, told by a variety of up-and-coming talents. (Aug)

In ***Batman & Robin #25,*** *Judd Winick & Greg Tocchini* present the crashing finish to the brief alliance of Batman, Robin and Jason Todd, a.k.a. The Red Hood, against a common foe. (Jul)

Is an exclusive girls' finishing school a secret training ground for teenaged assassins? Find out the truth as Batman sends Batgirl on her most dangerous mission yet in ***Batman Incorporated #9 & 10*** by *Grant Morrison & Cameron Stewart.* (Jul-Aug)

DC moves to get ***Batman: The Dark Knight*** back on schedule by bringing in guest artist *Jay Fabok* to join writer *David Finch* for the fourth issue, which continues the Etrigan storyline. (Jul)

Batman confronts The Architect in ***Batman: Gates of Gotham #5*** by *Scott Snyder, Kyle Higgins, & Trevor McCarthy.* This issue sets the stage for a bold new direction in the Bat books! (Aug)

The original Phantom Lady returns to Gotham City for a mini-reunion with Lady Blackhawk in ***Birds of Prey #14,*** a special issue by the guest team of *Marc Andreyko & Billy Tucci.* (Jul)

John Constantine is determined to find out Swamp Thing's dark motives—and what they have to do with him—in *Jonathan Vankin & Marco Castiello's* ***Brightest Day Aftermath: The Search for Swamp Thing.*** (Jun-Aug)

DC takes readers on a decades-hopping tour of past eras in ***DC Retroactive,*** a series of

oneshots that feature a tale of a major DC star in adventure that harken back to the 70s, the 80s, and the 90s. ***Batman, The Flash, Superman, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern,*** and ***The Justice League of America*** are the featured stars, while such legendary creators as *Dennis O'Neil. Mike W. Barr, Jerry Bingham, William Messner-Loebs, Ron Marz, Daryl Banks, Marv Wolfman, Keith Giffen, J.M. DeMatteis, Kevin Maguire,* and *Roy Thomas* return to some of the characters with whom they were most closely associated. (Jul-Aug)

Scott Snyder, Jock, & Francesco Francavilla bring their run to an end in ***Detective Comics #881***—and DC describes the finale as "so twisted, so shocking we can't even begin to give away details here..." (Aug)

David Lapham & Greg Scott bring the hit adventure-suspense videogame to comics in ***Driver: Crossing the Line #1.*** (Aug)

The events of ***War of the Green Lanterns*** continue to resonate through ***Green Lantern Corps #s 62 & 63*** and ***Green Lantern: Emerald Warriors #s 12 & 13.*** (Jul-Aug)

The JSA's many members each take a turn in the spotlight in ***JSA 80-Page Giant 2011 #1,*** which includes seven stories from such talents as *Ivan Brandon, Matt Kindt, Nic Klein, Steve Niles,* and others. (Jun)

In the aftermath of "Eclipso Rising," this incarnation of the JLA must decide whether they have anything left to offer the DC Universe.Find out what their decision is in ***Justice League of America #60*** by *James Robinson & Daniel Sampere.* (Aug)

Paul Levitz & Yildiray Cinar present the finale to the battle with the Legion of Super-Villains in ***Legion of Super-Heroes #16.*** (Aug)

More than two decades in the making *Marv Wolfman & George Pérez's* ***The New Teen Titans: Games HC*** is completed at last! This blast-from-the-past 144-page tale (advance solicited for September release) features a mysterious villain playing a deadly game with New York City as the gameboard – and the classic wolf-man-Perez Teen Titans as the pieces! (Aug)

DC adds extra story pages to ***The Spirit #17,*** a special black and white issue featuring short Spirit tales by *Howard Chaykin, Will Pfeiffer, Paul Levitz, Brian Bolland, P. Craig Russell, & Jose Luis Garcia-Lopez.* (Aug)

DC pays homage to the late *Dwayne McDuffie* and the world of Milestone Media with ***Static Shock Special #1,*** featuring tribute material from Milestone co-founder *Denys Cowan* and other Milestone alumni. (Jun)

In ***Superman #714*** by *J. Michael Straczynski, Chris Roberson, Allan Goldman, & Eber Ferreira,* Superman hits Seattle for his last stop on his "Grounded" walk across the country, and it is in that city where everything will come to a head! (Aug)

Witness Dick Grayson's first adventure with Superman as Batman in ***Superman/Batman #85*** by *Judd Winick & Travel Foreman.* (Jun)

As Superman feels his super-powers beginning to decline, The Last Son of Krypton is called back into action to stop a villain more powerful than any he's faced before in ***Superman Beyond #0,*** a ***Batman Beyond*** spin-off tale by *Tom DeFalco, Ron Frenz, & Sal Buscema.* (Aug)

Who is the new Green Lantern of Sector 2814? *Tony Bedard & Miguel Sepulveda* reveal the answer in ***War of the Green Lanterns: Aftermath,*** a tale that will fuel the next year's worth of GL tales. (Jul-Aug)

The all-new Wonder Woman reaches the end of her epic "Odyssey" and comes face-to-face with the malevolent force behind it all in ***Wonder Woman #614*** by *J. Michael Straczynski, Phil Hester, Don Kramer, & Wayne Faucher.* (Aug)

DC/Vertigo

99 Days HC, *Matteo Casali & Kristian Donaldson's* graphic novel, focuses on a detective for the LAPD who is haunted by his experiences as a young Hutu in Rwanda. (Aug)

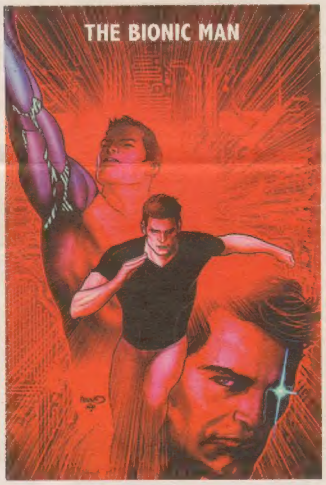
Scott Snyder & Sean Murphy present a WWII tale of vampires and vampire hunters in ***American Vampire: Survival of the Fittest.*** It's World War II in Nazi-occupied Romania as vampire hunters Felicia Book and Cash McCogan go behind enemy lines with the secret organization known as the Vassals of the Morningstar in search of a rumored vampire cure. (Jun-Aug)

In the ***Fables: Werewolves of the Heartland HC***, *Bill Willingham, Jim Fern, Craig Hamilton, & Ray Snyder* for the most action-packed ***Fables*** tale to date—a tale that spotlights Bigby Wolf. Bigby embarks on a quest through the American Heartland to find a new location for Fabletown. (Aug)

Is the America about to emerge from its second civil war going to be the same America that went into it? Will it be even remotely similar? Find out in *Brian Wood & Riccardo Burchielli's* five-part "The Five Nations of New York," the final arc in the ***DMZ*** saga that begins in ***DMZ #67***. (Jul)

Max Allan Collins & Terry Beatty present a new chapter in the acclaimed Perdition saga (the graphic novel series that inspired the Academy Award-winning ***Road to Perdition***) in ***Return to Perdition HC***. The setting is America in the early 1970s, and our third generation hero, Michael Satariano, Jr. is a Vietnam vet recently returned to the States. He doesn't know that his father's real name was Michael O'Sullivan, and is unaware of the conflict between his dad, his grandfather and John Looney – the criminal godfather of Rock Island, Illinois. But when he's recruited by the mob as a hitman, he's going to learn the hard way that you can never outrun (or outgun) your past. (Aug)

Jason Aaron teams up with several guest artists, including *Dean Haspiel, Denys Cowan, Igor Kordey, Jill Thompson, & Timothy Truman,* for the landmark ***Scalped #50***. (Jun)



Dynamite

Kevin Smith's unfilmed ***Six Million Dollar Man*** script comes to comics this summer as ***The Bionic Man***. *Phil Hester* provides the script and *Jonathan Lau* the visuals for the series that relaunches the iconic 1970s concept. (Aug)

Garth Ennis reunites with *Darick Robertson* for ***The Boys: Butcher, Baker, Candlestickmaker,*** the final ***Boys*** limited series. At last, we learn the story of Billy Butcher, the Boys' mysterious leader... (Jul-Aug)

Al Ewing takes over writing honors on *Garth Ennis's* ***Jennifer Blood*** beginning with the 7th issue, joining artist *Marcos Marz* for a tale that reveals what Jennifer does after her bloody war with the Blutes is concluded. (Aug)

Kurt Busiek, Alex Ross, & Jackson Herbert revitalize some of *Jack Kirby's* best known creator-owned concepts in ***Kirby: Genesis #1,*** a cosmic drama on a truly Kirbyesque scale. (Jun)

When a Nosferatu suddenly moves into the Living Corpse's graveyard, all hell breaks loose in ***The Living Corpse: Exhumed #1*** by *Ken Haeser & Buz Hasson*. (Aug)

The ultimate killing machine meets the future of law enforcement in ***Terminator/Robocop: Kill Human,*** a crossover series by *Rob Williams & PJ Holden*. (Jul-Aug)

The fan-favorite Syfy SF series ***Warehouse 13*** comes to comics this summer courtesy of *Ben Raab, Deric A. Hughes, & Ben Morse*. (Aug)

Matt Wagner returns to conclude his epic story of Zorro in ***Zorro Rides Again***. (Jul-Aug)

Evil Twin

Fred Van Lente & Ryan Dunlavey end their irreverent presentation of comic book history with a look at the origins of the graphic novel and the direct market in ***Comic Book Comics #6***. (Jul)

Fantagraphics

Spain Rodriguez offers a raunchy, hilarious, and unsentimental look at life in the 1950s in ***Cruisin' With the Hound: The Life and Times of Fred Toot***. (Aug)

Richard Sala presents a disturbing tale of snow, confusion, and mental patients on the loose in ***The Hidden***. (Jul)

Steve Duin & Shannon Wheeler follow ten people into the aftermath of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in ***Oil & Water,*** an original graphic novel. (Aug)

Michael Kupperman presents the Mark Twain you never knew in ***Mark Twain's Autobiography,*** a zany remaking of the author's life. A yet hunt? A meeting with the Six Million Dollar Man? An affair with Mamie Eisenhower? It's all in here! (Aug)

Fulp Fiction

Does "PI" stand for "private investigator" or "politically incorrect"? In ***Uncouth Sleuth*** by *Charles Fulp, Craig Rousseau, & Norman Lee,* Harry Johnson, PI, proves that it could be both! (Aug)

Graphix

As Captain Amazing gets older, he decides that it's time to get an assistant—and his four pets decide that one of them should be his ally in ***Sidekicks***, a graphic novel by *Dan Santat*. (Jun)

IDW

A high school girl who takes her gifted life for granted for her spends the summer at a creepy old boarding school called Darkmoore Academy in ***All-Ghoul School***, a graphic novel by *Marc Sumerak & David Bryan*. (Aug)

Anne Rice returns to comics with the six-part adaptation of ***Anne Rice's Servant of the Bones,*** produced by Rice, *Mariah Huehner, Renae DeLiz, & Ray Dillon*. (Aug)

Wire Hangers creator (and rock musician) *Alan Robert* returns to comics with the four-part horror series ***Crawl to Me,*** which focuses on one man's efforts to protect his family from what appears to be an evil entity living in his crawlspace. (Jul-Aug)

Videogame legend Duke Nukem ventures into comic shops in ***Duke Nukem: Glorious Bastard,*** a four-part series. (Jul-Aug)

Joe Hill, Jasin Ciaramella, & Zach Howard invite readers back to the world of Hill's ***Cape*** oneshot in ***Joe Hill's The Cape***, a four-issue limited series. (Jul-Aug)

Sandman creators *Neil Gaiman, Sam Kieth, & Mike Dringenberg* reunite for the first time in 20 years to present a special tale in ***Hero Comics 2011***. Other contributors include *John Layman, Stephen R. Bissette, Ralph Reese, J. Scott Campbell, & Adam Hughes*. (Jun)

The horrors of ***Infestation*** continue in ***Infestation: Outbreak,*** a limited series by *Chris Ryall, Tom Waltz, & David Messina*. (Jun-Aug)

The door to hell is open, and it's up to a 16-year- old Ben Locke to close it in ***Locke & Key: Clockworks #1*** by *Joe Hill & Gabriel Rodriguez*. (Jun-Aug)

This summer, the original heroes in a half-shell make a triumphant return to comics with the release of ***Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Ongoing #1*** by *Kevin Eastman, Tom Waltz, & Dan Duncan*. Featuring a cast of familiar characters—Master Splinter, April O'Neill, Casey Jones, and more—and true to the spirit of the original comics created by *Kevin Eastman & Peter Laird*, the Turtles are back! (Aug)

Joe & John Lansdale bring *Robert Bloch's* famous horror tale to comics in the three-part ***That Hellbound Train***. (Jun-Aug)

Mariah Huehner, David Tischman, David Messina, & Claudio Balboni launch a sequel to their first ***True Blood*** miniseries in ***True Blood: The French Quarter***. Sookie is in New Orleans, helping Eric Northman track down an insane killer they had thought dead for two centuries. (Aug)

Image

In February of 1968, Teddy Calhoun came home from Vietnam but he brought a piece of the war back with him. Now Teddy will do whatever he must to protect his family from the murderous approach of "Charlie" and an army of the risen, hungry dead in ***'68: Hardship,*** a oneshot by *Mark Kidwell, Jeff Zornow, & Jay Fotos*. (Aug)

A young art student and petty criminal who hopes to reinvent herself crosses paths with an old flame and an enigmatic loner who alters her life forever in ***All Nighter,*** a five-part series by *David Hahn*. (Jun-Aug)

Rob Liefeld's fallen angel returns to comics this summer in ***Avengelyne #1*** by *Rob Liefeld, Mark Poulton, & Owen Gieni*. (Jul-Aug)

100 years in the future, the world has become a utopian paradise. Governments and religion are at peace, but that tranquility is threatened when Bomb Queen is unleashed out of her slumber in ***Bomb Queen VII #1*** by *Jimmie Robinson*. (Aug)

An NYPD detective's investigation of a mysterious murder case threatens to rip the reality he knows and plunge him into the shadow world of his heritage in ***Epoch #1,*** the kick-off of a five-part series by *Kevin McCarthy, Paolo Pantelana, & Jorge Fares*. (Aug)

Marines and Taliban join forces against a zombie assault in ***Graveyard of Empires,*** a four-parter by *Mark Sable & Paul Azaceta*. (Jun-Aug)

Robert Kirkman & Rob Liefeld launch their cosmic drama ***The Infinite*** in August. This series follows a freedom fighter as he desperately looks for a way to save humanity from defeat by the Infinite. His only hope is to travel back in time to prevent their world domination before it starts, allying his forty-year old self with his younger 20-year old version in order to save the world. (Aug)

David Baxter, Dave Elliott, Javier Aranda, Garry Leach, & Jessica Kholine invite readers to explore a dystopian near-future in ***Marksman #1***. The oil ran out six decades ago, and a civil-war-ravaged America is now broken into warring fiefdoms. It's up to expert marksman Drake Mccoy to make sure that the technocratic utopia of New San Diego remains free... (Jul-Aug)

In *Jason Rubin & Tyler Kirkham's* ***Mysterious Ways*** six-issue miniseries, an alcoholic ex-cop finds himself targeted by a relentless FBI agent who is convinced that the ex-cop is a serial killer. (Jul-Aug)

Fighter pilots not only travel through the skies, they also travel through *time* in ***The Red Wing #1*** by *Jonathan Hickman, Nick Pitarra, & Rachelle Rosenberg*. (Jul-Aug)

Shane & Chris Houghton's bear-riding cowboy moves to Image with the debut of ***Reed Gunther #1***. (Jun-Aug)

In a world where technology allows the After Crimes Unit detectives to taste, feel, and see what murder victims experienced before death, a broken detective is offered one chance to redeem himself in ***Repulse***, a oneshot by *Szymon Kudranski*. (Jul)

Owen Wiseman, Nam Kim, Matthew Dalton, & Jessica Kholine chronicle the odyssey of three young samurai in ***Samurai's Blood***, a six-part series. (Jun-Aug)

Scott Snyder, Scott Tuft, & Attila Futaki venture into the horrifying with ***Severed***, a series

that pits a young 12-year-old against a night-marish cannibal in 1916 America. (Aug)

A group of treasure hunters finds something much less desirable—and much more terrifying—than treasure in ***The Vault,*** a three-part series by *Sam Sarkar & Garrie Gastony.* (Aug)

The International Company known as Vescell specializes in what is commonly known as "Vtrans", the transferring of a person's mind and spirit from one body into another. Former Icarus City Detective Mauricio Barrino is now Vescell's best agent, handling the most high profile and dangerous cases, in ***Vescell #1*** by *Enrique Carrion & John Upchurch.* (Aug)

Kickstart

An amnesiac woman learns that she may be an international spy in ***Book Smart,*** a graphic novel by *Jimmy Palmiotti, Justin Gray, & Juan Santacruz.* (Aug)

Marvel

Thor, Captain America, Iron Man, and many other Marvel heroes continue to face off against the Norse God of Fear and his evil allies The Worthy in *Matt Fraction & Stuart Immonen's* ***Fear Itself #s 3-5,*** continuing Marvel's major event for 2011. And you just might be surprised to discover what side some of the Marvel Universe's mightiest find themselves on! (Jun-Aug)

Not only does ***Fear Itself*** continue into the pages of a large number of Marvel series (including ***Avengers, New Avengers, Avengers Academy, Journey Into Mystery, Invincible Iron Man, Hulk Heroes for Hire, Herc, Thunderbolts, Uncanny X-Men, Black Panther: Man Without Fear,*** and ***New Mutants***), it will also encompass a number of limited series, including:

- ***Fear Itself: Fearsome Foursome*** (*Brandon Montclare, Ryan Bodenheim, & Henry Flint*).
- ***Fear Itself: Wolverine*** (*Seth Peck & Roland Boschi*).
- ***Alpha Flight*** (*Fred Van Lente, Greg Pak, & Dale Eaglesham*).
- ***Fear Itself: The Deep*** (*Cullen Bunn & Lee Garbett*).
- ***Fear Itself: Youth in Revolt*** (*Sean McKeever & Mike Norton*).
- ***Fear Itself: The Home Front*** (*Christos Gage, Fred Van Lente, Howard Chaykin, Simon Spurrier, Mike Mayhew, Alessandro Vitti, Howard Chaykin, & Jason LaTour*).
- ***Ghost Rider*** (*Rob Williams & Matthew Clark*).
- ***Fear Itself: Deadpool*** (*Christopher Hastings & Bong Dazo*).
- ***Fear Itself: Uncanny X-Force*** (*Rob Williams & Simone Bianchi*).
- ***Fear Itself: Fellowship of Fear*** (a ***Fear Itself*** handbook).

Dan Slott & Stefano Caselli start handing out spider-powers to huge numbers of people in "Spider-Island: Prelude," in ***Amazing Spider-Man #666.*** (Jul) Then "Spider-Island" kicks off in ***Amazing Spider-Man #667*** by *Dan Slott & Humberto Ramos.* New York City's Infestation is complete and eight million people are plagued! As someone near to Peter Parker's life reveals their spider-abilities, the brilliantly fearsome Jackal rises from the past and begins organizing an army of Spider-powered soldiers. (Aug) "Spider-Island" tie-ins include:

- ***Spider-Island: Cloak & Dagger #1*** (*Nick Spencer & Emma Rios*)
- ***Spider-Island: The Amazing Spider-Girl #1*** (*Paul Tobin & Pepe Larraz*).
- ***Spider-Island: Deadly Hands of Kung Fu #1*** (*Antony Johnston & Sebastian Fiumara*).
- ***Venom #6*** (*Rick Remender & Tom Fowler*)
- ***Spider-Island: Deadly Foes #1*** (*Dan Slott, Christos Gage, Fred Van Lente, Giuseppe Camuncoli, & Minck Oosterveer*).

Paul Jenkins & Carmine Di Giandomenico take readers back to WWII for ***All-Winners Squad: Band of Heroes,*** an eight-part miniseries spot-

lighting the toughest, most exceptional band of soldiers in American military history. (Jun)

The original Alpha Flight—Sasquatch, Snowbird, Northstar, Aurora, the Guardian, Vindicator, Shaman, and Marrina—return in the eight-part ***Alpha Flight*** series, a ***Fear Itself*** tie-in by *Fred Van Lente, Greg Pak, & Dale Eaglesham.* (Jun-Aug)

When Anita Blake is summoned to see Master Vampire Mister Oliver, even she can't predict the surprise that awaits her in ***Anita Blake: Book of the Damned—The Scoundrel #1*** by *Jessica Ruffner & Ron Lim.* (Aug)

Brian Bendis & Mark Bagley launch their first creator-owned project this summer with the debut of ***Brilliant***, the story of a handful of college-age geniuses who challenge each other to solve the mystery of superpowers. Can the best and brightest change science fiction into science fact? And if so, how will the world at large react? (Jul-Aug)

Steve Rogers is back in his iconic red, white, and blue costume in *Ed Brubaker & Steve McNiven's* ***Captain America #1.*** A funeral for a fallen friend turns into a race against time as the original Captain America makes his explosive return! (Jul)

The former ***Captain America*** series continues under its new title of ***Captain America & Bucky.*** In #620, *Ed Brubaker, Marc Andreyko, & Chris Samnee* present a secret story of the early days of Captain America, told from Bucky's point of view. (Jul)

The U.S. Agent, American Dream, Commander A, Captain America, and Captain America are recruited for the ultimate commando mission in ***Captain America Corps #1*** by *Roger Stern & Philippe Briones.* But what threat is so grave that two Captain Americas are needed? (Jun-Aug)

At long last, *Ed Brubaker & Sean Phillips* return to ***Criminal*** in June with ***Criminal: Last of the Innocent #1.*** Riley Richards has it all—the hottest girl in school and a ticket to the big time—so why is he getting involved in gambling and drugs and shady characters in the city? (Jun-Aug)

With new enemies, new friends…and that same old "grinnin' in the face of hell" attitude, The Man Without Fear is back in ***Daredevil #1,*** a double-sized first issue by *Mark Waid, Paulo Manuel Rivera, & Marcos Martin.* Having turned his world upside over the past several years, Matt Murdock realizes that justice may not be blind to his past and villains may not be the only ones looking for answers. (Jul)

Peter David & Michael Lark continue Roland Deschain's quest for the Man in Black in ***Dark Tower: The Gunslinger—The Battle of the Tull,*** a five-part miniseries based on Stephen King's fantasy epic. (Jun-Aug)

As the War of Four Cities heats up, the Universal Inhumans enter the fray in ***FF #5*** by *Jonathan Hickman & Barry Kitson.* (Jun)

Rob Williams & Matthew Clark relaunch the exploits of the Spirit of Vengeance in ***Ghost Rider #1.*** Witness the violent birth of the all-new Ghost Rider…come to cleanse the earth in a firestorm of Blood, Oil, and Vengeance! (Jul)

Greg Pak brings his run on ***Incredible Hulks***—and the series itself— to an end with #635 as the Hulk suffers a beat-down unlike anything he's ever endured. (Aug)

The tale that began in the Spider-Man and Deadpool annuals concludes in ***Incredible Hulks Annual #1*** by *John Layman & Lee Garbett,* as Bruce Banner finally discovers why he can't turn into the Hulk in this world—but there's an unpleasant twist to that bit of otherwise good news… (Jun)

A beaten Tony Stark is trapped in the past and his quest has failed. As one last desperate act, he'll put together an unlikely team of heroes – and one Marvel icon will die in ***The Iron Age: Omega #1*** by *Rob Williams & Rebekah Isaacs.* (Aug)

The blight of the Burning Season sweeps across the Savage Land, threatening to destroy everything Ka-Zar holds dear—and heralding the re-emergence of the mysterious Ether Tribe. It's up to Ka-Zar to save the Savage Land—and that's just what he intends to do in ***Ka-Zar,*** a five-part miniseries by *Paul Jenkins & Pascal Alixe.* (Jun-Aug)

Jonathan Maberry reveals the dark and terrible events that take us from the outbreak of a deadly plague to the beginning of the last war for planet earth in ***Marvel Universe Vs. Wolverine,*** a four-part miniseries. (Aug)

G. Willow Wilson & David Lopez join forces for ***Mystic #1,*** a CrossGen relaunch that tells the story of two seemingly ordinary orphan girls who find their lives turned upside down by magic…one of them will find herself responsible for saving the world and the other as her mortal enemy! (Aug)

The Punisher returns to the Marvel Universe, heavily armed and looking for those who deserve his own special brand of justice, courtesy of *Greg Rucka & Marco Checchetto.* (Aug)

Witness the chilling creation of Marvel's greatest monster, and liberty's greatest enemy, in the five-part ***Red Skull*** by *Greg Pak & Mirko Colak.* (Jul-Aug)

Warren Ellis kicks off his run with ***Secret Avengers #16,*** illustrated by *Jamie McKelvie.* (Aug)

Jonathan Hickman & Dustin Weaver launch the second volume of ***S.H.I.E.L.D.*** this summer—and they kick things off with the secret history of Michelangelo. (Jun-Aug)

The three spies sent by the Free Zone to infiltrate Flagg's ranks have crossed over to the west, but have they underestimated the dark man's power? And the loyalty of those who follow him? Find out in ***The Stand: The Night Has Come #1,*** the final chapter of *Stephen King's* masterpiece of apocalyptic horror. (Aug)

Supreme Power returns in a new limited series by *Kyle Higgins & Manuel Garcia.* A new era begins for the deadliest super heroes of all time! Hyperion has disappeared, and Dr. Spectrum has taken his place as America's greatest hero—and the military's greatest asset. But when the balance of super-power threatens the world, Hyperion's solitude may be short-lived. (Jun-Aug)

Paul Jenkins & Ariel Olivetti bring together Thor, Loki, and Armageddon in ***Thor: Heaven & Earth,*** a four-part series. (Jul)

"The Death of Spider-Man" reaches its climax in ***Ultimate Comics Spider-Man #160*** by *Brian Bendis & Mark Bagley* as... well, let's just point out that the book is polybagged, and that's *never* good news... (Jun)

The ramifications of Spidey's demise continue to affect the Ultimate Universe in the six-part ***Ultimate Fallout #s 1,*** a six-part series by *Brian Bendis, Jonathan Hickman, Nick Spencer, Mark Bagley, Sara Pichelli,* and others. (Jul-Aug)

Armed and dangerous, Clint Barton is tasked with his most perilous mission yet in ***Ultimate Comics #1*** by *Jonathan Hickman & Rafa Sandoval.* (Aug)

As our heroes struggle to find their place in the Ultimate Universe, the The Ultimates face game-changing threats even they can't handle in ***Ultimate Comics Ultimates #1*** by *Jonathan Hickman & Esad Ribic.* (Aug)

Rick Remender & Mark Brooks kick off "The Dark Angel Saga" in ***Uncanny X-Force #11.*** Apocalypse is dead, and his heir, Archangel, has picked up where his predecessor left off. (Jun)

When Magneto of the X-Men tries to rescue a young mutant on the run, he accidently kicks off a series of events that will shake the very Marvel Universe to its core in *Joe Casey & Nick Dragotta's* ***Vengeance #1,*** which also introduces the new Teen Brigade. (Jul)

Jimmy Palmiotti & Joseph Michael Linsner return to right where their classic "Claws" storyline left off with ***Wolverine & Black Cat: Claws 2,*** a three-part series that brings Wolverine and Black Cat face to face with Killraven and the Martians. (Jul-Aug)

Wolverine. Deadpool. A fifteen-foot killer robot. That's all you know about ***Wolverine & Deadpool: Decoy,*** and all ye need know... (Jul)

In ***X-Men Legacy #250*** by *Mike Carey & Khoi Pham,* the X-Men have escaped the Age of X and returned to Utopia—unaware that something sinister followed them back. (Jun)

The mutant universe is splitting in two—and you can get in on the ground floor with ***X-Men: Schism*** by *Jason Aaron, Carlos Pacheco, & Frank Cho.* And by the time this ends in October, the X-Men landscape will be irreparably changed. (Jul-Aug)

Moonstone

The man, the marvel, the human achievement is back in ***Buckaroo Banzai #1*** by *Earl Mac Rauch, Paul D. Storrie, & David Daza,* and his Hong Kong Cavaliers are along for the ride! (Jul-Aug)

The legendary superteam of the 1980s returns in ***The Justice Machine #1,*** written by creator *Mark Ellis.* After disappearing twenty years ago, the team returns to stop an unspeakable evil from gaining a foothold to the future! (Aug)

A man who may hold the key to keeping the universe together hides behind a scholarly front in ***Omega Paradox #0*** by *Ian Ng & Mark Sparacio.* (Jul)

Suave, debonair super-agent extraordinaire Derek Flint returns to duty in ***That Man Flint #0*** by *Gary Phillips & Kevin Jones.* (Jul-Aug)

Oni

Ray Fawkes takes the experiences of 18 individuals and weaves them into the spiritual journey of a lifetime in ***One Soul,*** an original graphic novel. (Jun)

Philip Gelatt & Tyler Crook tell the story of the conspiracy behind the murder of Gregorii Rasputin in ***Petrograd.*** (Jul)

Driven to discover the truth regarding his father's mysterious death years prior, Melvin Reyes seeks to prove the existence of Spontaneous Human Combustion in ***Spontaneous #1*** by *Joe Harris & Brett Weldele.* (Jul)

Pantheon

Craig Thompson explores the complexity and depth and beauty and cruelty of the Islamic world in ***Habibi,*** an original graphic novel. (Aug)

Pathetic Aesthetic

Two slackers hatch a plot to kidnap the famous indy filmmaker and force him to write a script just for them in ***Kidnapping Kevin Smith,*** a graphic novel by *Chad Blakely.* (Aug)

Radical

Two policemen brothers find their lives changed when they administer terminal justice to a criminal ring that had eluded prosecution. One chooses to uphold justice; the other sets out on a path of vigilantism. But their paths are destined to cross again in ***Damaged #1*** by *David Lapham & Leonardo Manco.* (Aug)

Red 5

Atomic Robo has to save astronauts stranded in a decaying orbit in ***Atomic Robo and the Ghost of Station X #1*** by *Brian Clevinger & Scott Wegener.* (Aug)

Sea Lion

Brent Marks is not a freak. He's one of the "Pariah," a group of teens who become extremely intelligent after being cured of a genetic disorder. So why does the government see him as an enormous threat? Find out in ***Aron Warner's Pariah #1.*** (Jul)

Simon & Schuster

Everything in Amelia's life seems to be falling apart in ***Amelia Rules Volume 7: The Meaning of Life*** by *Jimmy Gownley.* But Amelia soon realizes that things aren't always as they seem... (Aug)

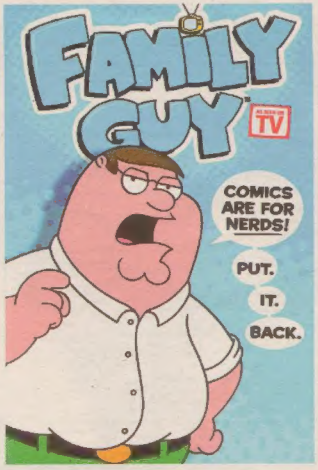
Th3rd World

Mankind is caught between a golden age of science and a dark era of arcane magics, and only one man walks the line between these two worlds: his name is Thomas Fleet, and you'll meet him in ***The Intrepid Escapegoat: The Curse of the Buddha's Tooth #1*** by *Brian Smith.* (Jul)

Jester embarks on a solo quest that will take him to the farthest corners of the Dark in ***The Stuff of Legend Volume III: A Jester's Tale #1*** by *Mike Raicht, Brian Smith, & Charles Paul Wilson III.* (Jul)

Titan

Seth McFarlane's award-winning animated series comes to comics with the debut of ***Family Guy.*** (Aug)



Top Shelf

At long last, *Alan Moore & Kevin O'Neill* continue the adventures of the League in ***League of Extraordinary Gentlemen III: Century #2—1969.*** Welcome to swinging London of 1969, where Tadukic Acid Diethylamide 26 is the drug of choice, and where different underworlds are starting to overlap dangerously to an accompaniment of sit-ins and sitars. Alerted to a threat concerning the same magic order that she and her colleagues were investigating during 1910, a thoroughly modern Mina Murray and her dwindling league of comrades attempt to navigate the perilous rapids of London's hippie and criminal subculture, as well as the twilight world of its occultists. (Jul)

Nate Powell explores war and violence and their trickledown effect in ***Any Empire,*** an original graphic novel. (Jul)

A masterful fighter must confront a mysterious emperor and cruel emperor in ***Infinite Kung Fu,*** a graphic novel by *Kagan McLeod.* (Jul)

Big Mama runs the best little donut shop in town—as you'll discover for yourself in *Chris Eliopoulos'* delightful all-ages ***Okie Dokie Donuts Volume 1: Open for Business.*** (Jun)

Twelve-Gauge Comics

The war between the Immigrations and Customs Enforcement agency and a Mexican drug cartel is the focus of ***I.C.E.,*** a new series by *Doug Wagner & Jose Holder.* (Jul-Aug)

Jason Latour & Chris Brunner present a gritty Southern crime/romance tale that ventures from Tobacco Road to Baghdad in ***Loose Ends #1.*** (Jul)

William Morrow

Christopher Moore, Ian Corson, & Jennyson Rosero offer on offbeat tale of an alien invasion of Earth in ***The Griff,*** an original graphic novel that follows a trio of survivors as they battle against the marauding Griff on an Earth almost devoid of human beings. (Jun)

Zenescope

The Dream Eater Saga, a major crossover that unites all of Zenescope's mythic sagas, continues through the summer in ***Grimm Fairy Tales, Inferno,*** and ***Neverland,*** culminating in the ***Grimm Fairy Tales Dream Eater Crossover Conclusion,*** all written by master storyteller *Raven Gregory.* (Jun-Aug)

An evil alien overlord and his mutated dino-soldiers are ready to conquer the Earth... unless the ***DINO Strikeforce*** can stop him! (Aug)

What if there was a drug that give you the power to fly? How far would you go to possess it? That's the question that *Raven Gregory* explores in the provocative series ***Fly.*** (Jun-Aug)